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**APPLICANTS' AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2003**

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This paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 2003 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"). This response is due on July 14, 2003, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a two-month extension of time and by virtue of the fact that July 12, 2003 is a Saturday. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, should any fees be properly due in connection with the filing of this document or should the extension of time fee be inadvertently omitted, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun account number 13-2855.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application.